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MEMORANDUM FOR DISTRIBUTION LIST

SUBJECT: National Intelligence Estimate (NIE) on Technology Transfer

Attached is a draft of a request to the Director of Central Intelligence to prepare an NIE on Technology Transfer. Those I have informally discussed this with agree that improved understanding of the impact of technology transfer on the Soviet Union is needed. I am trying to help get this underway provided there is widespread support for such an effort.

U.S. technology transfer control appears fragmented and lacks an overall basis for the effort. Some areas such as critical technology lists are receiving a great amount of effort, while others such as Warsaw Pact student and visitor control get almost none. A top level intelligence assessment of the impact of the technology obtained by the Soviet Union from the U.S. on both the Soviet military and economic strength could form the basis for a comprehensive and effective U.S. technology control process. The attached Terms of Reference describe in more detail what would be requested.

Would you let me know if you feel this effort is needed, and what changes you would suggest to the attached Terms of Reference. I would be happy to meet with you to discuss this further, or you can call me on 697-5162 to give me your general comments, followed by a detailed mark-up of the attachment. I would appreciate hearing from you by the middle of January.

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